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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING FOR - PROJECT NEON PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP (P3)

**PURPOSE OF MEETING:** The Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT), in partnership with the City of Las Vegas and in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), invites you to attend a public information meeting for Project NEON P3. Project NEON is a 3.7-mile transportation improvements project along I-15 from the Sahara Avenue Interchange to the US 95/I-515 Interchange in downtown Las Vegas.

**MAJOR PROJECT DEVELOPMENTS:** Project NEON P3 is one of the most important and ambitious undertakings in NDOT history. More than 250,000 vehicles a day use the highly congested segment of I-15 from the US 95/I-515 Interchange to Sahara Avenue. Project NEON P3 is essential to the progression of Las Vegas transportation capacity and safety, economic development and quality of life. The recent decision to deliver the project under a P3 will enable NDOT to accelerate the project schedule and is also expected to improve the local economy by creating hundreds of planning and engineering jobs and thousands of construction jobs.

**WHEN AND WHERE:** Wednesday, December 4, 2013, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., Historic Fifth Street School, 401 South Fourth Street, Las Vegas, NV 89101.

**WHERE YOU COME IN:** Members of the public are encouraged to attend the public information meeting at their convenience any time between 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. A brief presentation at 5:30 p.m. will provide an update of project developments and new design elements. A short open-comment period will follow the presentation. Before and after the presentation, the meeting will be conducted as an open house format to provide the public with an opportunity to view exhibits and speak with project representatives. Comments may be submitted for public record in writing at the meeting or verbally to a court reporter who will be available throughout the meeting. In addition to any comments received at the meeting, written or email comments will be accepted through Friday, December 20, 2013. Please email your comments to: [info@dot.state.nv.us](mailto:info@dot.state.nv.us) with a reference to this project in the subject line. You may also mail your comments to the contact below.

**IF RIGHT-OF-WAY IS NEEDED:** The Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 will govern the acquisition of right-of-way that may be necessary for this project. More detailed information regarding right-of-way can be obtained from the NDOT's Right of Way Division, 1263 S. Stewart St., Carson City, NV 89712, or by calling 775.888.7480.

**CONTACT:** For more information about Project NEON P3: **Website:** [www.ndotprojectneon.com](http://www.ndotprojectneon.com) | **English Hotline:** 702.486.0486  
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**SPECIAL ACCOMMODATION REQUESTS:** Reasonable efforts will be made to assist and accommodate persons with disabilities desiring to attend the meeting. Requests for auxiliary aids or services to assist individuals with disabilities or limited English proficiency should be made with as much advance notice as possible to Julie Maxey, Nevada Department of Transportation, Public Hearings Officer, at 775.888.7171 or via email at [jmaxey@dot.state.nv.us](mailto:jmaxey@dot.state.nv.us).

Also available for your information will be NDOT's I-11 and Intermountain West Corridor Study Level 1 Alternative Evaluation Results. Study representatives will be available to answer your questions. Information for this study can be found at: <http://i11study.com>.

## Director's Message



As NDOT works to provide critical transportation infrastructure facilities across the state, we remain committed to maximizing the value

and accelerating the completion of design and construction projects. Over the past several years, we have accomplished these goals by using innovative delivery methods such as design-build and construction manager at risk (CMAR) to successfully complete projects under budget and ahead of schedule.

We are now moving forward with an exciting and groundbreaking public-private partnership (P3) for Project NEON, which will enable us to provide several phases of these high-priority improvements under an accelerated schedule. NDOT will enter into a contract with a private developer that will be responsible for final design, construction, financing, operations, and maintenance of improvements on I-15 in downtown Las Vegas, as well as a new HOV bridge that connects I-15 directly with US 95.

The P3 is a win-win for Nevada residents, as the travelling public will have access to the new facility by early 2019. In addition, the project is expected to create hundreds of planning and engineering jobs and thousands of construction jobs, providing a much-needed boost to the local economy. Finally, the P3 will allow NDOT to allocate its limited budget to other projects, which will benefit drivers throughout the state.

Rudy Malfabon, P.E.  
Director, Nevada Department of  
Transportation

## PROJECT OVERVIEW

In an effort to expedite major improvements along Interstate 15 and key arterials that feed into the state's busiest freeway, the Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT) created a public, private partnership to accelerate Project NEON.

This innovative method of funding allows the state to complete this complex project in under five years rather than the 20 years it would have taken to finish under traditional means of financing.

The \$400 million project will deliver unparalleled improvements that will significantly reduce traffic congestion on nearly four miles of the I-15 corridor.

One of the primary components is a one-mile high-occupancy vehicle (HOV) flyover that will connect designated lanes on I-15 to those along US Highway 95. The northbound I-15 lanes will exit from the left, easing the number of merging movements for traffic attempting to exit on the right with the existing design.

Project NEON will greatly improve access to downtown Las Vegas, an increasingly vibrant community that continues to draw more residents.

A new Charleston Boulevard interchange at I-15 will alleviate the traffic snarls currently seen both eastbound and westbound.

Northbound and southbound motorists will be able to exit the freeway and travel a network of braided ramps that will carry vehicles directly to local arterials.

Martin Luther King Boulevard, currently a quagmire with several traffic signals, will become a fluid roadway that includes an overpass across Charleston along the west side of I-15.

Currently, an average of three crashes are reported each day on I-15 between Charleston and Sahara Avenue. Removing a significant amount of merging (about 5,400 each day) from the freeway is expected to reduce those crashes.

The project area stretches from Oakey Boulevard to the Spaghetti Bowl, a challenging area where motorists have experienced traffic jams for years. Project NEON is designed to alleviate that congestion and provide several more alternatives to motorists who travel that portion of I-15 daily.

## P3 NEWS AND UPDATES

NDOT has selected three teams to advance to the next phase of the Project NEON procurement process. The agency reviewed and evaluated the qualifications of teams competing to develop, design, build, finance, operate, and maintain the I-15 and major street connection improvements. The following teams have been shortlisted:

- Kiewit-Meridiam NEON Partners – Kiewit Development Company & Meridiam Infrastructure Neon, LLC
- Las Vegas NEON Ventures – Las Vegas Paving Corporation & Macquarie Capital Group Limited
- NEON Mobility Group – ACS Infrastructure Development, Inc. & Fengate Capital Management, Ltd. & Star America Fund GP LLC

In the Fall of 2014, these teams will be asked to submit detailed information on their plans to provide NDOT with the best value, innovation, and efficiencies to deliver Project NEON by the first quarter of 2019.



# PROGRESS IN MOTION



## DEMOLITION UPDATE

### Demolition for Project NEON Phase 1 is underway.

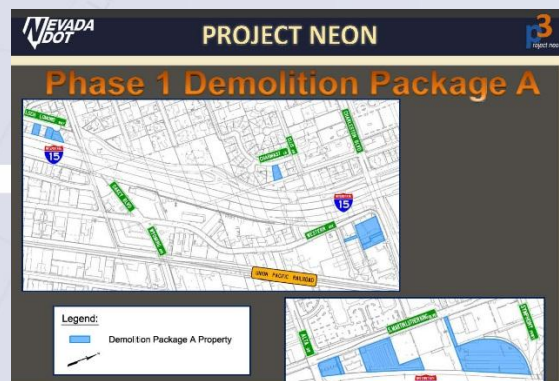
Package "A" began in June and is now complete. The package consisted of twelve (12) NDOT acquired properties, 4 residential and 8 commercial. Package "B" is scheduled to go out for bid in mid-November with an anticipated start in spring 2014. Package "B" will include a total of nine (9) acquired properties, 7 residential and 2 commercial. The contract duration is expected to last 90 working days, with work hours scheduled between 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

### What you can expect:

Residential properties will be demolished to a dirt lot, any block walls between residential properties will remain in place, and temporary fences will be installed around each property. Dust abatement will be placed on the lot. After all homes on the street have been acquired and removed, permanent walls and landscaping will be established on the neighborhood. Almost all Commercial properties will leave bituminous surface and building foundations in place to serve as dust abatement.

### Any questions or concerns should be addressed to:

Nevada Department of Transportation  
Attn: Mr. Dwayne Wilkinson, P.E.  
Senior Project Manager  
123 E. Washington Ave.  
Las Vegas, NV 89101  
(702) 671-8879



## Meet the Project Manager



Cole Mortensen is a Nevada native and a professional engineer with 12 years of experience. He earned a Civil Engineering degree

in 2001 and a Master of Science in Civil Engineering from the University of Nevada-Reno (UNR) in 2002. As an NDOT Project Manager, he leads in-house staff and consultant personnel through the planning, design, and construction of major transportation infrastructure projects. Over the past 3 years, he has been responsible for two complex and high-profile projects: the US 95/CC-215 Bruce Woodbury Beltway Interchange and the I-15/CC-215 Bruce Woodbury Beltway Interchange. Prior to that, he spent 5 years as an NDOT Bridge Engineer.

Since assuming the role of Project Manager for Project NEON in 2009, Cole's team has successfully advanced the work through critical environmental and design milestones while identifying over \$200 million in cost savings. Most recently, he secured approval from the State Transportation Board to deliver Project NEON under a public-private partnership (P3) that will put thousands of Nevada residents to work in design and construction jobs.

Cole will continue to work with project stakeholders over the next several years to oversee the successful completion of this groundbreaking project. He is committed to providing open lines of communication with property owners, and he looks forward to the benefits Project NEON will offer to Nevada's traveling public for years to come.

## Contact Us

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